

Minutes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
August 12, 2010

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire, Thaddeus Smith, Carol Massie. Not Present: Jim McPartlin, Mark Supper. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, Richard Falzone, Patrick Olmstead, Roxanna Sassanian. Liaisons: Captain Girmala, LAPD; Joe Salazar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International; Lt. Matthew Rodriguez, Sgt. Jeff Jablonsky, Deputy Darren Thompson, LASD. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Devin Strecker, Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Zachary Eaton, Richard Chavez, Space15 Twenty; Elizabeth McDonald, LA Film School.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 10:06 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Minutes: **It was moved by Dan Chismire, seconded by Thaddeus Smith and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Committee's July 8, 2010 meeting. Unanimously approved.**

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Joe Salazar reviewed the report from the period of July 5 to August 8, 2010. Kerry Morrison and Salazar also briefed the committee on a recent meeting that they attended with representatives of My Friend's Place to discuss enforcement issues with some of the youth homeless population in Hollywood. Morrison, Salazar, and Seyler are also coordinating with Public Counsel to organize training for the BID officers and Hollywood's homeless youth and agency personnel so that rights and laws are clarified for both groups.

B. Report from LAPD: Captain Girmala reported that the Hollywood Division is still seeing a double digit reduction in violent crime in the BID area. The Captain also briefed the committee on a recent incident at the W Hotel where a man had barricaded himself on the roof, claiming he had placed an explosive device in the hotel. The LAPD was able to resolve the situation peacefully. The Captain said she and the entire division are doing their best to be proactive in protecting the area from terrorism. In addition to this the Hollywood division is also continuing to work with the City Attorney on the issue of street characters. Captain Girmala thanked the BID and the committee for their continued support of the LAPD, and asked they continue to keep her informed of community issues.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Lt. Rodriguez from the Sheriffs reported that he recently attended a meeting held at the BID office with Kerry Morrison, Andrews BID Security, and representatives from Metro to discuss the illegal activity occurring in the W plaza.

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Lt. Rodriguez said that after the meeting, and seeing for himself the illegal activity in the plaza, he decided to step up enforcement in the area. Since the time of the meeting, the Sheriffs have run multiple task forces in the plaza, including one which featured Sheriff Lee Baca in attendance. Deputy Darren Thompson is handling nighttime operations for the area, and the Lieutenant assured the committee that they had the LASD's full commitment to their effort to keep the plaza safe.

D. Report from LA City Attorney's Office: Not in attendance.

V. Old Business

A. Update on Activities Related to Community Impact Team/Sidewalk Nuisance Abatement: Morrison said she had recently spoken with Mitch O'Farrell, from CD-13, about the issue of multiple tour companies lining the Boulevard. O'Farrell informed her that LADOT is actively ticketing tour busses who are illegally parked within the District. Additionally, the Bureau of Street Services is also taking care of illegal street signage that is placed along the Boulevard. Morrison also informed the committee of the potential law suit against the City regarding the recent LAPD enforcement involving street characters. Morrison said that the committee members' individual letters to Eric Garcetti and Chief Beck are a great help.

B. Demographic Research Study: Morrison reported that the findings from the BID's demographic research project are in. An overwhelming majority of the responses from those interviewed said that they felt safe in Hollywood during the day. Morrison thanked all the agencies and committee members at the table for their help, and continued effort, to ensure that visitors and residents alike continue to feel safe in Hollywood.

C. Status of Taser Implementation: Steve Seyler reported that the tasers for the BID officers have been ordered and that training will begin next week.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 11:00 a.m.